Purchase of Modern Equipments for Hospitals

*743. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Union Government propose to provide financial assistance to the hospitals in various States to buy highly sophisticated and modern equipments for treatment;

(b) if so, the total financial assistance given to hospitals in Bihar during 1990-91.

(c) whether there is a proposal to provide equal assistance to all the States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (e). As public health and hospitals act. is a State subject under the Constitution, the Union Government do not propose to provide financial assistance to the hospitals in various States to buy highly sophisticated and modern equipments for treatment. However, the Union Government assists the States in the eradication/control of malaria, filaria, kala-azar, leprosy, tuberculosis, blindness, act.

[*English*]

Utilization of Funds by Scheduled Castes Development Corporation

* 744. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount sanctioned to the Scheduled Castes Development Corporation could not be utilised fully during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not utilising the total amount?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Rs. 63.214 crores released by Government of India to all the twenty-one State Scheduled Castes Development Corporations during the last three years as investment in their share capital have been utilised.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Economic Development of Dalits of Delhi

*746 SHRI KALKA DAS: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes implemented for the economic development of the Dalits of Delhi by the Directorate of Scheduled Castes, Delhi.

(b) the details of the items of daily use like sewing machines or iron presses distributed to them by the Directorate during each of the last three years;

(c) if no item has been distributed, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the items likely to the distributed during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The following schemes for economic development of SC & ST communities in Delhi are under implementation. The Directorate for the Welfare of SC & ST Delhi Administration is implementing: